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REFS: A. USNATO 5395 B. STATE 222699 C. USNATO 5445

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SYG PO/73/147 TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE
NAC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14. MISSION PROPOSES TO SEEK REPORT
FROM BUDGET COMMITTEES WITHIN A WEEK AND IN ANY CASE ANOTHER
MEETING OF NAC ON BURDENSARING TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF US
SHARES NEXT WEEK.

BEGIN TEXT:

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING
OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE

AT ITS MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER, THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED
THE REPORT BY THE STUDY GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING
FROM THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE
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(C-M(73)93). THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS DISCUSSION WERE:

(1) THE POSITIVE RESPONSE SHOWN BY MANY NATIONS TOWARDS
MANY OF THE MEASURES SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT FOR

MITIGATING THE BUDGETARY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNITED STATES AS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

(B) THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME OF THESE OPTIONS MIGHT BE
MORE SUITABLE FOR BILATERAL ACTION THAN MULTILATERAL;
AND THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME MIGHT BE ELIMINATED FROM
FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

(C) THE DECISION TO REFER TWO OF THE OPTIONS (V AND VIII)
FOR EXAMINATION BY THE SPECIALIST COMMITTEES ALREADY
OPERATING IN THESE FIELDS, I.E. THE INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE, THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY
BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE
POLICY COMMITTEE.

(D) THE ASSURANCE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF
THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND
THE UNITED STATES ON THE RENEWAL OF THE OFFSET
ARRANGEMENTS.

(E) THE VIEW ENDORSED BY A NUMBER OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE EUROGROUP SHOULD
PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION
WITH FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, BUT ALSO IN CO-ORDINATING
AND STIMULATING THE EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE
UNITED STATES REQUEST AS A WHOLE.

2. I BELIEVE THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO RESUME ITS
DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AT AN EARLY DATE. SPECIFICALLY
I SUGGEST THAT WE NEED TO:

(A) APPROVE THE ATTACHED DRAFT DIRECTIVE TO THE SPECIALIST
COMMITTEES REFERRED TO ABOVE, ASKING THEM TO REPORT
ON OPTIONS V AND VIII;

(B) DISCUSS THE OTHER OPTIONS WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING
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WHETHER ANY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER
CONSIDERATION AT THIS STAGE, AND WHETHER ANY SPECIAL
MACHINERY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR PURSUING THE REST.
IN THE CASE OF THOSE OPTIONS WHICH MAY SEEM MORE
SUITABLE FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATION WE SHOULD ALSO
DECIDE HOW THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR OUTCOMES
CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE GENERAL AMBIT OF AN
ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES REQUEST;

(C) ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE COUNCIL ACTIVITY
IN THIS FIELD;

(D) CONSIDER THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE REPORT WHICH

SHOULD BE MADE TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER, AND WHAT MIGHT BE SAID ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

3. I PROPOSE TO PLACE THIS DOCUMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 14TH NOVEMBER.

DRAFT DIRECTIVE

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY THE UNITED STATES OF THEIR WISH THAT THEIR ALLIES SHOULD SEEK MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIEVING THE BUDGETARY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BURDENS BORNE BY THE UNITED STATES IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES IN KEUROPE, INVITED THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO SUDY THE SUBJECT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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2. THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES, HAVING RECEIVED A REPORT(1) ON THE SUBJECT FROM A SPECIAL STUDY GROUP ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE, HAVE RESOLVED TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF MEASURES DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR MITIGATING THESE BURDENS, ON A MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL BASIS. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THIS EXAMINATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A WHOLLY POSITIVE BASIS.

3. THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOTED THAT IN THE CASE OF TWO OF THE MEASURES SUGGESTED (OPTIONS V AND VIII),
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SPECIALIST COMMITTEES EXIST WHICH POSSES THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE TO ADVISE THEM IN THE RELEVANT FIELDS. THEY THEREFORE DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE TO DOCUMENT C-M(73)93 AND DIRECT:

(1) C-M(73)93

(A) THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REPORT TO THEM ON THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES COVERED BY OPTION V (PARAGRAPHS 53, 54 AND 56 OF C-M(73)93);

(B) THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE POLICY COMMITTEE (AS APPROPRAITE) TO EXAMINE AND REPORT TO THEM ON THE SUGGESTIONS FOR VARYING THE COST SHARING FORMULAE NOW CURRENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF ACTIVITY, AS SUGGESTED UNDER OPTION VIII (PARAGRAPH 62 OF C-M(73)93);

(C) THESE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT THEIR EXAMINATION WITH
THE OBJECT OF SEEKING MEANS TO ALLEVIATE THE BUDGETARY
AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS INCURRED BY THE
UNITED STATES IN STATIONING THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE,
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSITIVE APPROACH ALREADY
ADOPTED IN THE COUNCIL;

(D) THESE COMMITTEES TO REPORT THEM AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.
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